

STS-113 SRB POST FLIGHT/RETRIEVAL ASSESSMENT
KSC Debris Team
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The BI-114 Solid Rocket Boosters were inspected for debris damage and debris sources at CCAFS Hangar AF on 26 November 2002. Overall, both boosters were in excellent condition.

ANOMALIES

None

FUNNIES

None

OBSERVATIONS

The TPS on both frustums exhibited no debonds/unbonds. There was minor localized blistering of the Hypalon paint.

All eight BSM aero heat shield covers had fully opened and locked, however one LH cover was missing after it broke due to parachute riser entanglement.

The forward skirts exhibited no debonds or missing TPS. RSS antennae covers/phenolic base plates were intact. All primary frustum severance ring pins and retainer clips were intact.

The Field Joint Protection System (FJPS) and the System Tunnel Covers closeouts were generally in good condition with no unbonds observed.

Separation of the aft ET/SRB struts appeared normal.

Aft skirt external surface TPS was in good condition. Typical blistering of Hypalon paint had occurred on the insulation close-outs and GEI cork runs.

The holddown post Debris Containment Systems (DCS) appeared to have functioned normally on all HDP's.

No indication of stud hang up was observed.

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